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For: **CHROMENE COMPOUNDS**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Filing Receipt;
- (2) Transmittal Letter;
- (3) Second Preliminary Amendment; and
- (4) Appendices A, B, C and D.

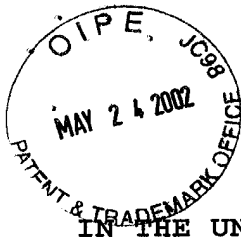
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as indicated in Appendices A and B submitted herewith. Appendix A is a marked-up copy of the amended claim and Appendix B is a clean copy of the amended claim.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 1 as shown in Appendices C and D submitted herewith. Appendix C is a marked-up copy of the specification and Appendix D is a clean copy of the specification.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended at page 1 before the first

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paragraph to make reference to Applicants' Japanese priority documents in addition to prior related U.S. applications.

Claim 1 has been amended to include a proviso removing the "trifluoromethyl-phenyl" moiety from the general "6-morpholino-3(4-morpholinophenyl)-3H-naphtho [2,1-b] pyran" structure. This proviso removes the specie 6-morpholino-3(4-morpholinophenyl)-3(-trifluoro-methyl-phenyl)-3H-naphtho[2,1-b]pyran compound which is disclosed in claim 13 of WO98/45281. No new matter within the meaning of §132 has been added.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and respectfully request allowance of presently pending claims.

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